

WESSEX NEWS

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PRICE TWOPENCE.

A Far-Sighted Building Programme

The College has received notification that the Local Education Authorities have agreed to all the details with regard to the proposed building scheme, and it is hoped that the actual building will begin in a few weeks. Already the Works Department have cleared some of the huts on both sides of University Road, and tenders for the new Refectory and Union Buildings have been asked for.

The proposed extensions fall under four main groups and when they have been completed University College, Southampton will be in the forefront of universities offering facilities for advanced courses in every field of knowledge except medicine.

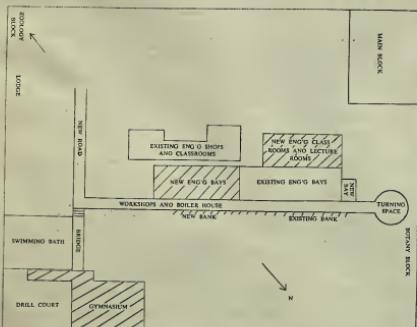
The Union Building, including Common Rooms and Refectory, is to be built on a site opposite the Library, overlooking the brickfields and Common. It has been made possible by a donation of £20,000 from the Misses Chamberlain, £8,000 from the University Grants Committee, together with £2,000 from other donors, and a contribution of £8,500 from Technical funds. The social and recreative side of the College will in this way be brought together, because, ultimately, the Assembly Hall will form part of this group and the Refectory will serve the Hall on the one side and the Common Rooms on the other. For the present, however, unless someone makes it possible by a donation to erect a new one, the old Assembly Hall will have to be retained, though all the surrounding huts will gradually be cleared as other accommodation becomes available. It is hoped that for many social functions the Refectory Dining Hall may be used instead of the Assembly Hall.

Provision for scientific and technical work is to be further increased by a new Chemistry Laboratory, which will be erected between the Zoology and Physics blocks looking out on Hartley Avenue. When the Assembly Hall and Huts have finally gone, the College buildings will form a rough square with lawns and gardens in the middle.

The Engineering accommodation is to be increased by the addition of a block of Drawing Offices and Lecture Rooms and eleven new bays are to be added to the laboratories. Four additional bays may be added for the accommodation of students taking a special Air Ministry training course for filters and riggers, but negotiations are not yet completed.

Those who have wandered in the deep vale behind the Engineering Block, or have smiled at the invitation over the gateway into Hartley Avenue, which reads "Hard Core may be tipped within on request," will be very interested to hear that the natural valley is to be utilised in building a Swimming Bath. As will be seen from the rough plan below the new Bath and Gymnasium will form a new block of buildings on the northern boundary of the College grounds and will have a separate entrance into Broadlands Road. This has been made possible because the University Grants Committee, in connection with the National Fitness Campaign, has agreed to make a grant of three-quarters of the cost of the Swimming Bath with a maximum grant of £9,000, and the College has been able to accept this offer through the generosity of Mr. J. J. Crossfield who has agreed that £3,000 out of a donation of £5,000 to College should be used to meet the balance of the estimated expenditure.

In view of the urgency of most of these proposals, not merely from the University's point of view, but also from a national point of view, it may be confidently hoped that this ambitious programme will soon be a reality. We should like to congratulate the authorities on their far-sighted programme and thank them, and our very generous benefactors, for making it not merely a possibility but a certainty.



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Tuesday, May 30th, 1939.

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Editorial.

At last we have been able to secure details of the extensive building programme which the College authorities have had under consideration for so long. Their comprehensiveness, coupled with the certainty that they will soon be in existence should be very encouraging to those members of staff and students who have been working for many years amid difficulties to maintain and strengthen the good traditions of University College, Southampton, among its rival institutions. We should like to thank all those who have helped in any way to further this expansion.

Congratulations go to L. M. Wallace for his magnificent double in the U.A.U. Athletic Championships, and to the Cricket and Tennis teams for winning their U.A.U. fixtures last week. We could have hoped for a better display on Wednesday against Bristol from the tennis teams, but after all, it's "the game" that matters, not success.

Vice President-Elect

The appreciations of next year's officials tend to smack of the school report: "She has done good work in the past, and we are confident that she will continue to do so in the future." However, the Vice-President is known rather as a personality than as an automaton (for who can doubt her ability to wind up the S.C. clock?) Therefore I intend to present the more personal side of Miss Oliver's character as it is known to those who enjoy her friendship.

She has a happy way of blending sound common-sense with kiddish frolics. In Monte she dispenses wisdom and wisecracks over sandwiches and in Refec. learned discussions on philology are combined with witty comments upon current College gossip (on which let it be known she is an authority).

Her originality has stood her in good stead in all her College activities. Who can deny that the Arts Dance and Monte Entertainment were among the most successful and unusual this session? In the Stage Society her advice has helped to raise their standard of production from mediocrity to the high standard it achieved this year.

Incidentally it may come as a surprise to the Union that "Polly's" ambition is to be able to play a mouth-organ. (N.B.—She is so modest that she does not even call it a harmonica).

Correspondence

Dear Sir,

The writer of "I believe" in the last issue of *Wessex News* declared that he believed "in nothing except human happiness". He urged as means to the realisation of this ideal the improvement of the material conditions of the mass of the people. Furthermore he criticised Christians generally because, in his opinion, "they are salving their consciences by untimely thoughts of the greatness and the glory of God which exclude thoughts of all else."

We believe that only the Christian virtues of which Christ himself was and is the embodiment can bring about an increase in the sum of human happiness.

We believe, further, that no Christian can possibly dwell on the "greatness and glory of God" without loving his fellows and striving his utmost to help them. When a Christian ponders over the supreme love of Christ for mankind as shown by His death on the Cross, he has no alternative but to be anxious for the welfare of all human creatures; and not only their material welfare, but also their moral, intellectual, and spiritual welfare.

As Viscount Bryce wrote, "Christianity—a far more powerful force than any political ideas or political institutions, since it works in the inmost heart of the man—has produced nearly all the moral progress that has been achieved since it first appeared, and can in individual minds transmute lead into gold."

Again, as Professor Rendle Short has pointed out, it was Christian teaching that broke slavery in the Roman Empire; the great medieval hospitals were nearly all founded by Christian men; Christian statements like Wilberforce and Shaftesbury "moved an unwilling Parliament to abolish the slave trade and to put a stop to the worst abuses in the 'dark Satanic mills'." While enormous social services have been and still is being carried out by the Salvation Army and many other Christian agencies. Needless to add these are but a few examples of the efforts of Christianity in the social sphere.

In conclusion we submit that happiness is a thing of the spirit rather than the senses, and comes with the realisation that, through the death and resurrection of Christ, we can, if we accept Him, be relieved of all the burden of past failures and sins. So our minds set at rest, we can face the future in full confidence assured that "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Therein lies true happiness—happiness which soars above all dialectical materialism and is lasting, independent of events, remaining unimpaired in what crisis may arise.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. HULL,
President of C.U.
L. C. J. NEWMAN,
Sec., Anglican Society
A. G. DERBYSHIRE,
President, S.C.M.
F. A. JACKSON,
Sec., Catholic Society
LEONARD MOORE,
Chairman, Toc H.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,

At the Union Meeting last Monday there was yet another appeal for Spanish Relief. This time, it is true, the request was for exiled students in the South of France, but the principle involved is the same whether the relief be given for Chinese refugees, Spanish children or others. No one questions the necessity of most of these cases—but a good many of us do question the mentality of people who will provide relief for overseas people while condoning (in fact if not in spirit) the poverty among our own unemployed, or our necessitous students.

"Charity begins at home." A very hackneyed phrase, you say!

But so long as there is so little at home and so much for overseas needs, then we can quite justifiably suspect that ulterior political motives prompt the enthusiasm of some people to help overseas refugees.

Even more questionable is the lack of guarantees that the money and provisions collected for refugees ever reach their destination

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SENSATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOC. SOC. COMMITTEE.

Proposed Formation of New Labour Club.

The Soc. Soc. Committee have some startling recommendations to make at the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Thursday, May 25th, in Room 5. The proposal will be made to disband the Soc. Soc., and to form an organisation that will attract all in sympathy with the Labour Movement, under the title of the Labour Club. These sensational recommendations are the result of a feeling that the present Soc. Soc. is not supported by many students who are really in sympathy with its aims. Many criticisms have been made, and the Committee is fully conscious of its defects.

The main criticism that is made of the present Soc. Soc. is that it is narrow and sectarian, that its attitude is that of a group of "Academic Socialists" who have no experience or knowledge of "life in the raw," who have never seen or lived in a depressed area, or have never felt the pangs of poverty.

Many, too, have not given their support to the Soc. Soc. because they have felt that to show an interest in politics would be detrimental to their chances in life. The mediæval feeling that "politics is dirt" and is not a topic of conversation for gentlemen is fortunately almost dead, and only exists in the minds of the inevitable few. The age of conflict between Capitalism and Socialism is almost dead. People are beginning to realise that a Socialist is not a weird individual with a grievance against life and society, but an intelligent and a valued member of the community at large. Socialists in the world are proving themselves efficient administrators, beating the reactionary elements of every country in every field. The age is gone when the average conception of a socialist was of an extraordinary and unhealthy individual who didn't play any games and suffered under an eternal neurosis. Gradually people are beginning to realise that Socialism is a grand and clean

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Athletic Union

Our first U.A.U. match, against Exeter, resulted in a win for Southampton by 57 runs. Winning the toss, we batted first on a wicket which proved somewhat fiery in the early part of the day. Two wickets fell quickly but Eden and Shadwell stayed together and batted confidently to make a partnership which added 70 runs. Eden's final score was 49, while Shadwell played a confident innings at 58. Later in the innings Evans scored a useful 21, and Evans had a merry knock for 13.

When U.C.S. were all out for 167 the bowlers admirably backed up the earlier efforts of the batsmen. Cossell, White (R. L.), and Shadwell all bowled consistently well. Cossell's bowling was particularly effective and returning the excellent analysis of 6 for 40. Altogether a most enjoyable and encouraging game.

Now for Reading University!

U.C.S. v. O.S.O.A.C.

The College team was victorious, obtaining a total score of 46 against the 38 of the O.S.O.A.C. Wallace not only maintained with seemingly little effort his usual position in the sprints, but was also well ahead in the long jump. Reed too did not allow himself to be beaten in the high jump. Pirrie's time for the 880 (2 mins. 1.6 secs) was the best recorded this term. The 3 miles which was won by Gosney (O.S.O.) in very good time and with a lead of little under half a lap, was also an excellent race. To end a very successful meeting, Wallace gained a satisfactory lead in the relay, which was further increased by Carswell, Murnaghan and Pirrie.

RESULTS.

100 yds. 1 Wallace; 2 Clarke; 3 Murnaghan; 4 Howarth. Time 10.6 secs.
 880 yds. 1 Pirrie; 2 Sheail; 3 Summer; 4 Dukes. Time 2 mins. 1.6 secs.
 Long Jump. 1 Wallace; 2 Swanton; 3 Burrows; 4 Murnaghan. Distance 18 ft. 11 ins.
 220 yds. 1 Wallace; 2 Clarke; 3 Carswell; 4 Little. Time 23.4 secs.

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Mile. 1 Moore; 2 Colenutt; 3 Jopling; 4 Glover.
 Time 4 mins. 56.5 secs.
 High Jump. 1 Reed, C. T.; 2 Swanton; 3 Simpson; 4 Gosney. Height 5 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
 440 yds. 1 Burrows; 2 Bacon; 3 Carswell; 4 Murnaghan. Time 55.8 secs.
 3 Miles. 1 Gosney; 2 Hodkinson; 3 Burgess; 4 Dyer. Time 16 mins. 0.5 secs.
 Relay. 1 U.C.S.; 2 O.S.O.A.C. Time 3 mins. 48 secs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO L. M. WALLACE.

The whole College must indeed feel proud of Wallace for his two brilliant successes in the 100 and 220 yards in the U.A.U. Championships at the White City last Saturday, and we all join sincerely in offering him our warmest congratulations.

To use the phraseology of one paper, he was off the mark with "exemplary smartness," giving himself considerable advantage, especially in the 100 yards which he won in 10.1 secs, with 30 inches to spare, from P. J. Wells of Oxford. The 220 yards, covered in 22.1 secs, was an easy win from Lockwood. Both were certainly worthy performances, all the more so, as there was a quite noticeable wind against him.
 "Twas a glorious victory."

TENNIS CLUB.

U.C.S. v. READING, won 6-3. U.C.S. v. BELLEMOOR (mixed) lost 5-7

U.C.S. v. BRISTOL, lost 2-7
 Contrary to all expectations College obtained a victory over Reading.

It was a welcome change to see some real fighting spirit in the team. The first pair played nobly and defeated all the Reading team, the last match against the first Reading pair being a thrilling display, the final set going to 16-14. This match gave the College the winning lead of 5-3 and the third pair then proceeded to beat Reading's second and so the score ran 6-3.

Against Bellemoor on the following Saturday College lost 5-7 in a mixed match, but a rather gratifying feature was that College won all the men's doubles.

Prospects against Bristol then looked fairly bright but disillusion was to follow. College seemed to have lost their fighting spirit and at tea-time the score was 5-1 to Bristol. The first pair won 2 matches, the second were, however, unable to beat anyone after losing the first set against Bristol's second pair, after having 3 sets points in their favour.

WOMEN'S TENNIS CLUB.

After Bristol's overwhelming defeat of Exeter, College put up much sterner opposition than was expected.

Bristol's 3rd pair were not strong but very persistent. Three victories over this pair would have

ensured success but as it was, our third pair lost after a valiant struggle.

Bristol's second pair were good, but both our first and second couples prevailed over them, they proved too much, however, for the College third pair.

No victory was registered by College against Bristol's first pair; although our second and third couples took them to three sets.

The spirited resistance put up by our third couple against the much more experienced combination of Bristol's first pair was a very praiseworthy effort, though the attempt to save the match was unsuccessful.

Result: U.C.S. 4, Bristol 5.

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 philosophy that will lead to a clean way of life.

This new Labour Club seems destined to take its place as the greatest and grandest of the Extra-Union Societies of the College. A new constitution has been drawn up, which will be discussed at the meeting on Thursday. People need no longer fear Socialism. All in sympathy may join the new Labour Club without a feeling that they are becoming outcasts in society. They will feel that they have become members of the only society worth while. If the student body give the Labour Club their support they will not regret it. They will learn much about politics, they will make friends, they will find themselves the happy possessors of a happy philosophy.

The serious-minded will derive stimulus from its meetings, and as every one must have a day off sometimes, it is proposed to organise dances, squashes, rambles, to organise a social side to Socialism.

Those of you who believe that the world has better to offer than it offers at present, Liberals, Socialists, Christians, whatever you may be, will never regret having joined the Labour Club.

There is one snag. It is proposed to make a subscription fee of sixpence per term, but those who have ever tried to run anything will recognise the necessity of this.

Anyone with any bright ideas, come along on Thursday at 1.20.

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 tions, or that the labour and energy expended for this cause ever actually produce results. Recently rumours have been current that in fact a good deal of relief raised for Spanish children has gone astray. This may or may not be true, but it emphasises the lack of guarantees and supervision. It is extraordinary that so many people who ask receipts of tradesmen should willingly part with cash to such causes and ask nothing in return.

Charity is very necessary in our present economic system, but it seems to me that we should do well to begin at home as an earnest of our sincerity.

Yours, etc.,
 "DOUBTFUL."

Polish Foreign Policy

On May 16th, Count Balinski spoke to the College branch of the B.U.L.N.S. on Polish Foreign Policy. Count Bolinski is a Pole and a former president of the International Federation of Students.

He began by asking us to visualize Poland's position between Germany and Russia. The Poles have only had an independent policy when they have been able to balance the power on the West against that on the East. Since the war our foreign policy has aimed firstly at keeping our foreign policy and secondly at making ourselves secure. At first, we trusted the security system of the League of Nations, but for extra security we signed a treaty with France in 1921 and a treaty with Rumania against possible Russian aggression. Gradually our policy changed, the first step in altering our policy was the Locarno agreement in 1925, which made us realise that the great Western powers were no longer so interested in keeping the status quo in Eastern Europe. In 1926, Marshal Pilsudski came to power, he was a realist and an acute man and understood the necessity of establishing good relations between Poland and Russia, and between Poland and Germany.

Relations with Russia were established by a protocol in 1929 and by a treaty of non-aggression with Russia which was signed in 1932. It was more difficult to establish relations with Germany but in 1934 an agreement was signed by Poland and Germany to preserve peace. Count Balinski concluded by explaining Poland's policy in September, 1938. Poland had known in March, 1938, that Czechoslovakia would be broken up and she had hoped to reach an agreement with Hungary against German aggression.

In answer to questions, he said that Poland was not now against an Anglo-Russian Alliance.

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Chess Club

Cambridge Match.

U.C.S. 1 Board ; Cambridge 5 Boards.

During the Universities London Week U.C.S. played Cambridge University. The match was over six boards and lasted 3½ hours.

We believe that this is the first time a U.C.S. team has played one of the large Universities (at an game) and we quote the "Echo" without comment :

"Considering the esteem with which Cambridge University Chess Club is held in the Chess World it is an honour not only to the College but also to the town that this match has been possible." The Cambridge team was but a little weaker than that which vanquished Oxford, thus establishing themselves as the strongest British University.

College won the toss and took white on odd boards.

On top board Cambridge played an international, against whom K. N. Reed opened with the Vienna transposed. White opened his opponent's KB file and allowed his Kt to be pinned at KB3. Black attacked strongly and white, with brilliant foresight, sacrificed a knight to avoid mate and seized the opposition with the chance of a draw; but black played his pawn well and white resigned.

Our president played his usual defensive game with the black pieces. The French gave him an even position till, in the middle game, a misjudged pawn move, followed by a capture en passant, broke down black's game.

C. T. Reed, on board 3, played against the Dragon var. of the Sicilian. Both sides played "Text book" and castled early. On the 26th move white erred and got into difficulties, after losing a pawn. At the three hour mark the game was even but the College man could not hold the pace.

Honeyborne, a promising and experienced freshman, was our only victor. He opened with the Caro-Khann and white dallied in his attack till black's defence was prepared. Having beaten off the attack black won two pawns

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Your Horoscope

JULY.

People born in July are generally of a grasping, tenacious nature. Though of a rather shy and retiring disposition, they are cunning and resourceful, always on their guard. In spite of this, however, they fall victims to temptations and are easily gullied;

they realise their mistake when it is too late to mend. Those born of this month are usually short or of medium height, and inclined to be corpulent, especially when nearing old age. Very methodical and persevering but appear to be forever in a brown study. They are light sleepers, good runners and good swimmers. Timid and inclined to fly in the face of danger because they know they have many enemies. Will always be found eating, chewing or nibbling something or other ; health generally good but inclined to be delicate. Will thrive on animal or vegetable food, but will generally be fond of fish. Cannot stand extremes of heat or cold. Generally have good eyesight.

Colours: Azure blue, white, black.

Best Friends: Those born in Feb., March, Oct., Nov.

Best Enemies: Those born in Jan., April, May, Aug., Sept., Dec.

The President-Elect and Miss McLachlan were born in July—ED.

AUGUST.

Strong and muscular, of average height, daring and courageous, capable of withstanding strain and fatigue. They imagine they are the "lords of creation," and prove it by their noble and forgiving nature. Generally fond of staying indoors by day, and venturing outwards towards evening. Usually night birds, and very fond of returning home in the small hours of the morning. Guided by instinct and sense more than by the head or heart. When cruel they are callous, and cannot be turned away from what they have decided to accomplish. Very fond of their family and actions often dictated by a desire to serve their offspring. Resourceful, especially when it comes to earning a living. Will not age rapidly and will live a long life. Health good so long as they live in a warm country; they cannot stand the cold and

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were not meant to be vegetarians. Fond of the open-air and the open country. Fairly clever, but inclined to be cunning. People born in this month make good bohemians, gypsies, hunters, or can profitably take up occupations calling for endurance.

Avoid marrying a woman born in August, unless you want a hussy or a tiresome home, and are prepared to try the experiment of training or taming her, but if she becomes attached to you, she will fight tooth and nail for the home and family but NOT for her husband. Very affectionate and loving mothers.

Colours: Fawn, reddish brown, or black.

Best Friends: Those born in Feb., March, June, October.

Best Enemies: Those born in Jan., April, May, Nov., Dec.

(Miss Dade was born in August).

Chess Club

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in rapid succession and this

material advantage was enough to

give a win on adjudication. A

very good game—congratulations Honeyborne !

Learmouth, on No. 5, encountered a county player who proved

too good for him : and J. F.

Archard under great mental strain

made a positional misjudgment

and lost.

We might suggest that our defeat was due to the vibrations of the journey or to the psychological effect of playing Britain's strongest University team but we did not. Cambridge deserved their victory, earned by very vigorous mental exertion. They were just superior enough to win game after game after a hard fight.

We are indebted to Mr. J. Specian Lewis for the accommodation for this match.

INFORMATION.

The following have obtained teaching appointments—

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Circle. Theme: *Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Solus.*

Beowulf, Bane or Boon ?

N.U.S. wants to know.

Those who read Ralph Nunn May's article in this month's "New University" must surely realise, yet more fully, the importance of N.U.S. in the life of every student.

The latest manifestation of its efficiency is the preparation of a questionnaire on English, dealing with the teaching and examining for degrees in English. The results of this enquiry will both show the present state of the English faculties in the Universities and Colleges, and indicate desirable lines of development. Questionnaires will shortly be available in U.C.S., and the full co-operation of Graduates (including Staff), Honours, General and Intermediate students of English is asked.

Subject as we are here to the will of the University of London, it is important that we should make the most of every opportunity of expressing our opinion and of using the influence of N.U.S. English students should remember also that in filling up the questionnaire they are serving the whole student body, since the success of this effort would certainly lead to the survey-and improvement, where needed, of other faculties.

Specimen questionnaire and further particulars may be had from Jean A. M. Oliver.

Old Hartleyans' Reunion

On Friday evening the Old Hartleyans held a sing-song and beanfeast in the Staff Common Room. Judging from the dates on most of the identification tabs, most of those present were *old* (no offence meant), and more recent additions to the noble order missed a first class show — numbers from past operas and "The Bear"—a play put on for Spanish Relief last term, and done again specially.

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